To: WA Dept of Ecology

# Re: **Safer Products for Washington Cycle 1.5 PFAS Rulemaking**

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Our West Plains Water Coalition is a non-profit community-based organization focused on PFAS contamination in rural drinking water, mostly from fire-fighting foam at Fairchild AFB and Spokane International Airport.

But like most Americans, PFAS in our water and blood comes also from consumer products and food, because the thousands of PFAS chemicals are powerful and multi-purpose.

All Washingtonians, not just the people we serve, will be safer when these proposed product restrictions are in place. And healthier, too, because of the broad education which turns PFAS awareness towards a safer environment for all families, and self-action towards health-protective personal choices.

I’m proud of the national stewardship model of WA Ecology, especially in the face of discouraging news from key national agencies. Please stay the course, according to your PFAS roadmap. We offer all our PFAS discoveries near Spokane as evidence and example of what can be accomplished through forceful and rapid action.

We know that such product bans disrupt commerce. That’s good, in poisonous and harmful circumstances, because just one state or locale can become a tipping point. The model of the Liberty Lake ban on phosphates in dish soap is the example we know best.

Keep going, please, towards that brave and powerful illustration of environmental and health stewardship here in Washington.